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St. James's, December 17.

THIS Day the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London waited on His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, to preſent His Royal Highneſs with the Freedom of the City; which he was pleaſed graciouſly to accept. They were introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Baltimore; and Mr. Baron Thomſon, Recorder of the City, addreſſed his Royal Highneſs in the following Speech.

May it pleaſe your Royal Highneſs,

THE Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London, moſt humbly beſeech your Royal Highneſs, that you would be pleaſed to vouchſafe your gracious Acceptance of the Freedom of the City.

Your Royal Highneſs's condeſcending to this humble Requeſt, will yield Honour to that whole Body, and to every Member of it.

And they beg leave to take this Opportunity of aſſuring your Royal Highneſs of their dutiful and affectionate Regard, and of their hearty Wiſhes for your Royal Highneſs's Health, Welfare, and Proſperity.

To which His Royal Highneſs was pleaſed to make this moſt gracious Anſwer.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

THO' no Ties were wanting to make you dearer to me, yet I receive this as a new Mark of your Duty and Loyalty to the King, and of your Affection to me. I am very thankful for your good Opinion, and ſhall try in all Times to deſerve it, by my hearty Wiſhes for the Welfare of your Trade, and by my conſtant Zeal for the Liberty of my Country.

They all had the Honour to kiſs His Royal Highneſs's Hand; and were afterwards entertained at Dinner, by His Highneſs's Command, at Carlton-Houſe, Pall-Mall.

Whitehall, December 17, 1736.

Whereas Informations have been given upon Oath, that the Houſe of Mrs. Ann Langford, at Albrohatch Green, in the Pariſh of Barking, and County of Eſſex, was, on the 23d, 25th, and 27th of November laſt paſt, and on the 1ſt Inſtant, in the Night Time, attempted to be broke open by Perſons unknown; and that on the 4th Inſtant a Letter was found in the Garden belonging to the ſaid Houſe, demanding Money of the ſaid Mrs. Langford, ſince which ſhe has received a threatning Meſſage from unknown Perſons: Her Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in any of the above-mentioned Facts, or either of them, is pleaſed to promiſe His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon to any one of the ſaid Perſons who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo as he or they be apprehended and convicted thereof. And as a farther Encouragement, her Majeſty is alſo pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of Fifty Pounds for every one of the Criminals who ſhall be diſcovered and apprehended as aforeſaid; to be paid upon the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders. HARRINGTON.

Whitehall, October 26, 1736.

Whereas George Kelly, a Priſoner in the Tower of London, made his Eſcape from thence Yeſterday, as is ſuppoſed between the Hours of Seven and Eight in the Evening: Her Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds to any Perſon or Perſons that ſhall apprehend and ſeize, or cauſe to be apprehended and ſeized, the ſaid George Kelly, ſo that he may be ſecured, and proceeded againſt according to Law. HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

I do hereby promiſe to pay the further Sum of One Hundred Pounds to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall apprehend and ſeize, or cauſe to be apprehended and ſeized the ſaid George Kelly, ſo that he may be ſecured and proceeded againſt according to Law.

Leiceſter.

The ſaid George Kelly is about Forty Eight Years of Age, about Five Foot Ten Inches high, fair Complexion, large gray Eyes, a broad full Face, good Teeth, but his two upper ones long and broad, his Hair very gray, and all the upper Part of his Head bald, he is ſtrait, and his Legs long but in-kneed, with ſmall Calves, his Hands and Feet are long and narrow.

A. Williamſon.

African Houſe, Dec. 16, 1736.

The Court of Aſſiſtants of the Royal African Company of England do hereby give Notice, That the Transfer Books of the ſaid Company will be ſhut from Thurſday the 23d of December Inſtant, until Thurſday the 27th Day of January next, in order to the Election of Governor, Sub-Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Twenty Four Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company for the enſuing Year. By Order of the Court of Aſſiſtants.

Richard Spence.

Royal Exchange Aſſurance Office, Dec. 15, 1736.

The Court of Directors of the Royal Exchange Aſſurance Company do hereby give Notice, That their Transfer Books will be ſhut from Thurſday the 23d of this Inſtant December, to Tueſday the 1ſt Day of February next, in order to a Dividend. And that a General Court of the ſaid Company (being the Annual Court appointed by their Charter) will be held at their Office on the Royal Exchange, on Wedneſday the 29th of December Inſtant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, and that a Dividend, and ſome ſpecial Affairs, are to be conſidered at the ſaid General Court.

Advertiſements.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Humphry Newman, late of Finchley, in the County of Middleſex, Gent. deceaſed, are to come in and prove their Debts before James Lightboun, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, on or before the 14th Day of January next, or they will loſe the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

THE Creditors of John Skinner, late of Leadenhall-ſtreet, London, Oylman, a Bankrupt, are deſired to meet on Thurſday next, the 23d Inſtant, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Old Tom's Coffee Houſe in Birchin-lane, to impower the Aſſignees to take proper Methods to recover ſuch Part of the Bankrupt's Eſtate as they apprehend to be concealed, and on ſpecial Affairs.

Whereas